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WELLINGTON FOR RAYMOND MILLAR

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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR RAYMOND W. MILLAR

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¶1. (SBU) Post grants country clearance for Foreign Service National Investigator (FSNI) Raymond W. Millar for travel to Apia, Samoa, from February 19-25, 2007, in order to conduct background investigations and security interviews and to train FSNI Apia.

¶2. (U) Post understands that no assistance from the Embassy is requested. If necessary the Embassy can be contacted during business hours at telephone 21631 and 21436 and at 21514, 604221, or 7771776 after duty hours. Callers from outside Samoa should first dial country code 685.

¶3. (U) American citizens visiting Samoa for 60 days or less (for either official or private travel) may enter the country without a visa. Immigration officials grant entry permits on arrival. All visitors are required to pay a 40-tala (approximately 15.50 USD) tax at the airport upon departure from Samoa.

¶4. (U) Samoa is considered a low threat environment. Theft and petty crimes sometimes occur, but are usually non-confrontational in nature. There are no terrorist groups or support groups believed to be operating in Samoa at this time. Visitors should remain vigilant with regard to their personal security and exercise caution during their stay. They should also be aware of the State Department's Consular Information sheet for Samoa and the most recent worldwide caution public announcements, which are available via the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>.

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